

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Edward Draper  
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Customer No. : 23595

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to Action on the merits of the above-entitled patent application, please amend the application as follows: